

Appl. No. 10/087,856  
Amdt dated Jun. 1, 2004  
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### **Remarks**

Claims 1, 3-8, 10-13, 15-18 remain in this application. Claims 2 and 9 were previously cancelled and claims 14, 19 and 20 are presently canceled.

The examiner has acknowledged that claims 15-18 are directed to allowable subject matter. The examiner has further acknowledged that claim 14 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form and to incorporate the subject matter of all intervening claims. Claim 1 is currently amended to include the subject matter of claim 14. In view of this amendment, claims 1, 3-8, 10-13 are directed to allowable subject matter at least for this reason.

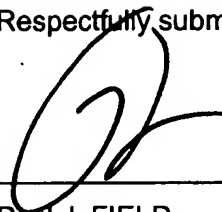
As each claim remaining herein is directed to allowable subject matter, Applicant submits the amendment puts the application in condition for allowance and a Notice of Allowance is requested.

Applicant advises it's present amendment is directed to expediting the issuance of this allowable subject matter and is not to be construed as surrendering any subject matter in the amended or canceled claims or as an admission that such claims prior to this amendment are not patentable. Applicant intends to file a continuation application to pursue this subject matter.

If the Examiner believes there are any further matters which need to be discussed in order to expedite the prosecution of the present application, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned.

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